

November 2009 Board Of Directors Meeting Minutes

Navy League of the United States – Newport County Council

Vice President: Len DiLorenzo

Monday, 2 November 2009

Attendees:

Arnold, Vince	Johnson, Arne
Burke, Pat	Nannini, Albert
Carillo, Dave	O'Sullivan, Mike
Cercena, Tony	Ryan, Richard (Newport Harbor Hotel)
DelGiudice, Tim	Shaw, Eric
DiLorenzo, Len	Webb, Ed
Hill, Shirley	
Huot, Anne	
Humphries, Keith	

A. Call to Order: Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

B. President's Remarks:

a. Len expressed Mike's appreciation to:

- Dave Carrillo, and his assistants - Anne Huot, Ned McGrath and George Wardwell for the fine evening of celebration of Chief Ryan Helbick's Junior Enlisted Service Member of the Year award. Thanks to each of you.
- Pat Burke and all the Rotarians who made it such a fine evening. Sent letter of thanks to Hector Rodriguez, President Rotary Club of Middletown.
- Shirley Hill for another fine newsletter.
- Tony Cercena for coordinating Navy Ball (and the great pictures) and to all who attended. It was noted that Knobby was in attendance.
- Vince, Len and Ann Marie for the Firehouse Theater fundraiser which netted more than \$300.00. Thanks to each who brought food/beverages.....a truly enjoyable event! One or two of these events will be planned yearly.

b. Thank you letters sent to all who supported the junior Enlisted Service Member of the Year-all donors and Business and Corporate Affiliates.

c. Upcoming Highlight Events:

- New Member Reception: Monday, 7 Dec following Board Meeting (Anne). Richard Ryan stated that the Newport Harbor Hotel would be glad to host the event.
- Coast Guard Officer/Enlisted of the Year Luncheon/Dinner Dec TBD. (Dave Carrillo)

d. Conducted office call with SWOS CO, Capt. Neil Parrot, on 26 October. He is most engaging officer and volunteered that he or his Dept Heads will gladly speak at any Board Meeting and asked to have the Council visit SWOS. I suggested Jan. /Feb. timeframe for SWOS visit in order to get as many Business and Corporate Affiliate members as possible for a tour/demo. He favors company participation and will thank them for supporting NLUS. Board thoughts on inviting him as speaker for New Members Reception 7 December?

e. NLUS National Directors Meeting 27 Oct-1 Nov., Corpus Christi, TX. Our agenda to include BA versus CA benefits to Council. (Bad policy on Business Affiliate one time reimbursement) Shirley, George, Tony and Mike to attend. It was noted by Shirley that Navy League membership has dropped from 59,000 to 53,000 (5,000 in a 9 month period). The national retention rate is currently 69%. The financial situation has improved somewhat with current balance of \$7.2M. The tenant in the Navy League building will be renewing their lease in 2010. The 2010 National Meeting will be in Chattanooga, TN.

f. Jack Casey, Executive Director USS MASSACHUSETTS/Battleship Cove stepping down shortly. Nominations for new Director being accepted. Jack indicates desire to become more active with Newport Council Board. It was noted that we should invite Jack to become a member of our Council.

C. Council Reports:

- a. Secretary's Report – Pat Burke. Minutes are on Council web site. Approved.
- b. Treasurer's Report – Walt is currently in Argentina and will be reported in December.
- c. Membership Report -- Anne Huot. Anne report current Council membership stands at 398. Seven new members were brought on board in October. Ed Lavalley (City of Newport City Manager) is a new member.
- d. Sea Cadets Report – December.
- e. Legislative Report – December.

D. New Business:

- a. Council Membership Roster for mailings. The only source is to be used is the current one on the National Web Site. Many new members have not been receiving invitations and many who have expired as early as March (7 months ago) are still receiving invitations. This indicates data base from last spring has been used for some mailings. We cannot afford to overlook / alienate new members - they will not renew. Likewise if expired members receive invitations, there is little incentive to expedite their renewal. All: please ensure most current mailing list is used. Download from National Web Site as mailing labels.
- b. Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner: Friday, 20 Nov 1800 Hyatt Hotel. Suggest Council support purchasing four tickets (\$65.00 each). Chamber membership ("After Hours" sessions) has resulted in several new members and one new Corporate Affiliate.
- c. Annual Appeal Letter (donations) is at PDQ print shop for mailing. Require mailing labels.

E. Upcoming Events:

NOVEMBER		
Board Meeting	2 Nov 1600	All
SOQ USCGC Willow	3 Nov 1110	Len Dilozenzo
OCS Class 0210 Graduation Dinner	5 Nov 1730	Mike S.
Veterans Day	11 November	
SENEDIA Lunch –O'Club (BG Bray-RING)	12 Nov 1130	All
OCS Class 0310 Graduation Dinner	12 Nov 1730	Mike S.
Office call-Captain Voboril CO NAVSTA	13 Nov 0900	Mike S.
NSC (Jan)Sponsor Indoctrination Meeting - Mahan	18 Nov 1730	Sponsors
OCS Class 0410 Graduation Dinner	19 Nov 1730	Roy
ODS Class 10 010 Graduation	20 Nov 1000	Mike S.
Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner-Hyatt Hotel	20 Nov 1800	All
SWOS Class 204 DH Graduation	24 Nov 1000	Mike S.
Thanksgiving Day	26 November	
DECEMBER		
OCS Class 0510 Graduation Dinner	3 Dec 1730	Len
Pearl Harbor Day	7 December	
Board Meeting	7 Dec 1600	All
New Member Reception	7 Dec 1700	New Members
SEA Graduation	10 Dec 1700	Mike S.
Hanukkah Begins (Sundown)	11 December	

<i>CG Officer /Enlisted of the Year Luncheon</i>	<i>TBD</i>	<i>George/Dave</i>
OCS Class 0610 Graduation Dinner	17 Dec 1730	Mike S.
Islamic New Year	17 December	
Christmas	25 December	

F. Old Business:

- a. Events on USS Massachusetts. Discussion with ideas. Keep this on the agenda as reminder each month.
- b. Newport Harbor Hotel and Marina CA Plaque presentation date/time (Anne/Mike/Richard Ryan). This activity will be tied in with our regular monthly meeting.
- c. Plaque presentation to David Burns, Raytheon IDS. (Tim, Mike O. /Mike S.)
- d. New Member Reception – Dec. Board meeting (12-7). (Anne)
- e. SENEDIA Community Affiliate Plaque presentation Date/Time. (Pat, Mike, Anne)
- f. Audit of Newport County Council financial records (conducted every two years) was completed by Ed Webb, Len, and Al N. The 2007 checking account had two checks that were outstanding: \$400 to the USS RHODE ISLAND and \$250 for the USS CHAFEE. Both of these checks were closed out. Noted that we should have Kati Machtley contact the USS RHODE ISLAND on this matter. Noted that “In-kind donations” need to be accounted for. The Council needs to provide our “tax identification number” to people we do business with.

G. Area/Regional Presidents/National Directors: December Board Meeting

H. Other Business:

- a. Possible scholarship. The potential contribution by an anonymous donor to set up a yearly scholarship is still “a very murky” situation. Arne has not heard anything the attorney for at least six weeks regarding this matter. The dollar amount of the donation is unknown.

I. Adjournment: Our next meeting is scheduled to be conducted at the Newport Harbor Hotel on Monday, 7 December at 1600.